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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REF: MUSCAT 1463

1. FYI: FAA SHARES AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN REGARDING PERSONNEL REPLACEMENTS AND AGREES PERSONNEL SELECTION PROCEDURES ARE SLOW, BUT THIS IS NOT THE MAJOR PROBLEM IN IDENTIFYING CANDIDATES FOR OMAN. MOST CANDIDATES DO NOT CONSIDER THIS POST ATTRACTIVE EVEN WITH 25 PERCENT DIFFERENTIAL. SECONDLY, THE TERMINATION OF THREE OMAN ASSIGNMENTS IN ONE YEAR HAS NOT ENHANCED FAA PERSONNEL'S ENTHUSIASMS FOR SEEKING ASSIGNMENTS THERE. END FYI.

2. BEARING OUT THE FOREGOING COMMENTS, THE PERSONNEL LICENSING POSITION WAS ANNOUNCED THROUGH MERIT PROMOTION PLAN WITH CLOSING DATE OCTOBER 26 WITH NO QUALIFIED BIDDERS. FAA ATTEMPTING TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THIS POSITION THROUGH DIRECT TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH REGIONAL FLIGHT STANDARDS PERSONNEL. THIS CAMPAIGN HAS PRODUCED THREE CANDIDATES EXPRESSING INTEREST. ONE CANDIDATE WAS INTERVIEWED DECEMBER 13, 1976. BIO INFORMATION FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL. THE AIRPORTS ENGINEERING POSITION WAS ANNOUNCED THROUGH STANDARD PROCEDURES BUT IS ALSO BEING ADVERTISED
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IN THE FAA WEEKLY NEWS LETTER (INTERCOM) FOR BROADER EX-
POSURE. FAA ANTICIPATES BETTER RESPONSE FOR ENGINEERING
POSITION BUT TO DATE NO FIRM CANDIDATE TO OFFER. BUDGET
ESTIMATE FOR ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR FAA PROGRAM BEING AIR
POUCHED. KISSINGER

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